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ENTRY INTO FORCE OF NORTH AMERICAN
REGIONAL BROADCASTING AGREEMENT

The North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement (NARBA), signed at Washington on November 15, 1950, entered into force on April 19, 1960.

The NARBA was signed by plenipotentiaries of the United States, the United Kingdom for the territories in the North American region (Bahamas and Jamaica), Canada, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic.

On February 23, 1960 the United States Senate gave advice and consent to ratification of the NARBA. The United States instrument of ratification, signed by the President on March 9, 1960, was deposited with the Canadian Government, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, on April 4, 1960. Instruments of ratification had been deposited previously by Cuba (February 7, 1953) and Canada (April 9, 1957).

It is provided in the NARBA that it shall enter into force on the fifteenth day after the date on which instruments of ratification or adherence have been deposited by at least three of the following four countries, namely, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, and the United States of America. Accordingly, the Agreement entered into force on April 19, 1960, the fifteenth day after the deposit of the United States instrument of ratification.

The NARBA is the third of a series of agreements between countries in the North American region designed to govern the international aspects of standard (AM) radio broadcasting in the region. The purpose is to make it possible for the countries parties to the Agreement to make the most effective technical use of the radio frequency bands available for such broadcasting, with a minimum of interference between stations of the several countries, within a framework of international stability.

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